

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Taupier, et al.
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/918,779 EXAMINER : C. Nichols
FILING DATE : July 30, 2001 ART UNIT : 1647
FOR : NOVEL PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Commissioner for Patents
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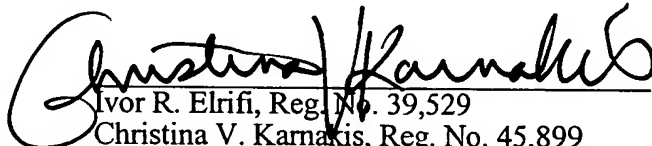
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2003 in the above-identified application. This extension is necessary to keep the instant application pending through on Monday, July 21, 2003 (July 20, 2003 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. This application is entitled to small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 21402-480A (Cura-780A). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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